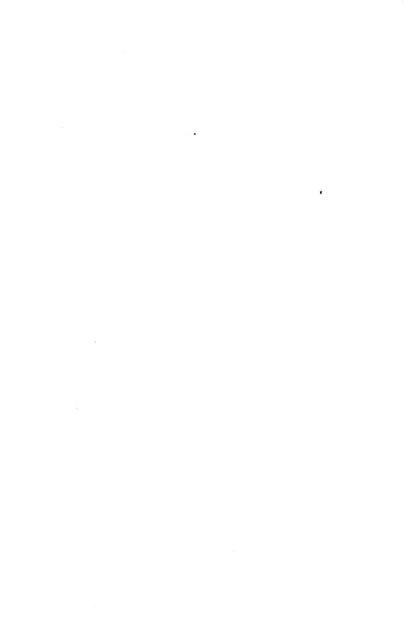




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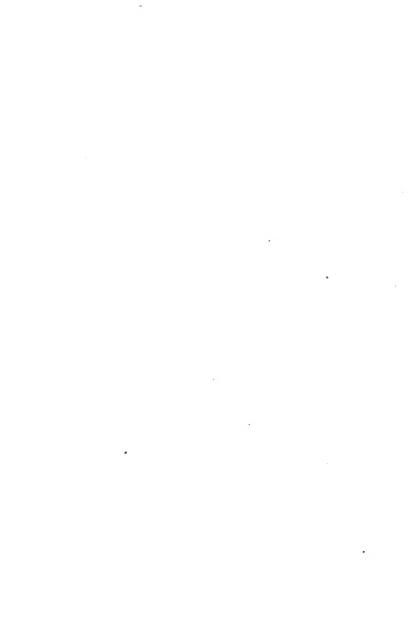










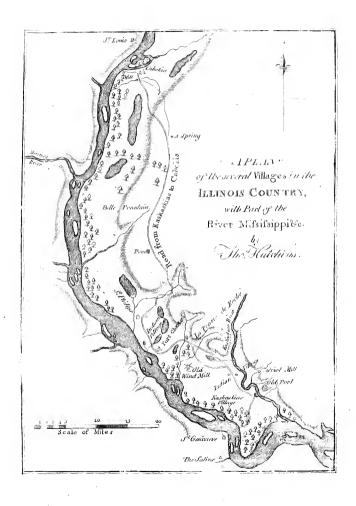


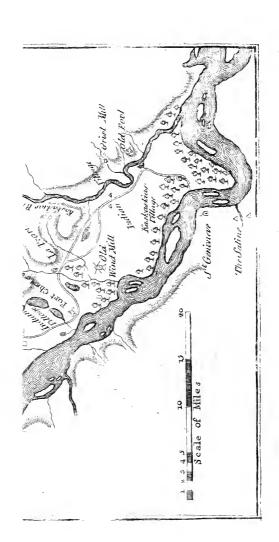












## TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION

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VIRGINIA, PENNSTLVANIA, MARYLAND, AND NORTH CAROLINA,

COMPREHENDING THE

RIVERS OHIO, KENHAWA, SIOTO, CHEROKEE, WABASH, ILLINOIS, MISSISIPPI, &c.

T H E
CLIMATE, SOIL and PRODUCE,

WHETHER

ANIMAL VEGETABLE, or MINERAL;

HE

Mountains, Creeks, Roads, Distances, Latitudes, &c. and of every Part, laid down in the annexed MAP.

Published by THOMAS HUTCHINS,

CAPTAIN in the 60th Regiment of Foot.

#### WITHA

PLAN of the RAPIDS of the OHIO, a PLAN of the feveral VILLAGES in the ILLINOIS COUNTRY, a TABLE of the DISTANCES between FORT PITT and the Mouth of the OHIO, all Engraved upon Copper.

#### AND

An APPENDIX, containing Mr. PATRICK KENNEDY'S JOURNAL up the lelinois River, and a conect List of the different NATIONS and TRIBES of INDIANS, with the Number of Fighting Men, &c.

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# PREFACE.

HE Map, which the following sheets are intended to explain, comprehends almost the whole of the country, lying between the 34th and 44th degrees of latitude, and the 79th and 93d degrees of longitude, and describes an extent of territory, of about 850 miles in length, and 700 miles in breadth; and one, which, for healthfulness, fertility of soil, and variety of productions, is not.

prehaps, surpassed by any on the habitable globe.

Those parts of the country lying westward of the Allegheny mountain, and upon the rivers Obio and Missippi, and upon most of the other rivers; and the lakes (laid down in my Map) were done from my own surveys, and corrected by my own Observations of latitudes, made at different periods preceding, and during all the campaigns of the last war (in several of which I acted as an Engineer) and since in many reconnoitring tours, which I made through various parts of the country, between the years 1764 and 1775.

I have compared my own Observations, and Surveys, respecting the lakes, with those made by Captain Brehm, of the 60th Regiment of Foot (who was for many years employed as an Engineer in North America) and I find, that they correspond with more exactness than Surveys usually do, which are made by different persons, at different times;—and I am happy in this opportunity, of expressing my obligations to this Gentleman, for the cheerfulness with which he furnished me with his Surveys.

and Remarks.

It is fit also, that I should trie notice, that in the account which I have given of several of the branches of the Ohio, and Alleghany rivers. I have adopted the words of the late ingenious Mr. Lewis Evans, as I sound he had properly described them in the Analysis to his Map of the Middle Colonies.—And as to that portion of my Map, which represents the country lying on the eastern side of the Allegheny mountain,—I take the liberty of informing my Readers.

Readers, that my reason for inserting it, was to shew the several communications that are now made, and others which may be hereaster, easily, made, between the navigable branches of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and the rivers in Virginia and Pennsylvania, which fall into the Atlantic ocean, from the west and north-west.

### TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION, &c.

HE lands lying on the westerdly line, between the Laurel Mountain and the Allegheny River, and thence northerly up that River for 150 miles, on both sides of the same, tho' not much broken with high mountains, are not of the same excellent quality with the lands to the southward of Fort Pitt. They consist chiefly of White Oak, and Chesnut ridges; and in many places of poor Pitch Pines, interspersed with tracts of good land; and low meadow grounds.

The lands comprehended between the River Obio, at Fort Pitt, and the Laurel mountain, and thence continuing the fame breadth from Fort Pitt to the Great Kanhawa River, may, according to my own observations, and those of the late Mr. Gift, of Virginia, be generally, and

justly described as follows.

The vallies adjoining to the branches of springs of the middle forks of *Poughiogeny*, are narrow towards its source, but there is a considerable quantity of good farming grounds on the hills, near the largest branch of that River. The lands within a small distance of the Laurel Mountain (through which the *Poughiogeny* runs) are in many places broken and stony, but rich and well timbered; and in some places, and particularly on Laurel Creek, they are

rocky and mountainous.

From the Laurel Mountain, to Monongabela, the first seven miles are good, level farming grounds, with fine meadows; the timber, white Oak, Chesnut, Hickory, &c. The same kind of land continues southerly (12 miles) to the upper branches or forks of this River, and about 13 miles notherly to the place where the Yonghiogeny falls into the Monongabela—The lands, for about 18 miles in the same Course of the last mentioned River, on each fide of it, tho' hilly, are rich and well timbered.—The trees are Walnut, Locust Chesnut, Poolar, and Sugar or sweet Maple.—The lew lands, near the River, are about a mile.

and in feveral places two miles wide.—For a confiderable way down the River, on the eastern fide of it, the intervals are extremely rich, and about a mile wide. The Upland for about 12 miles eastwardly, are uncommonly fertile, and well timbered;—the low lands, on the western fide, are narrow; but the Uplands, on the eastern fide of the River, both up and down, are excellent, and covered with Sugar trees, &c.

Such parts of the country which lie on some of the branches of the Monongaheia, and across the heads of sevaral Rivers, that run into the Obio, tho' in general hilly, are exceedingly fruitful and well watered.—The timber is Walnut, Chesnut, Ash, Oak, Sugar trees, &c.—and the interval or meadow lands are from 250 yards to a quarter

of a mile wide.

The lands lying nearly in a north-westerdly direction from the Great Kanhawa River to the Ohio, and thence north-easterdly, and also upon Le Tort's Creek, Little Kanhawa River, Bustaloe, Fishing, Weeling, and the two upper and two lower, and several other very considerable Creeks (or what, in Europe would be called large Rivers,) and thence east, and south east to the River Monongavela, are, in point of quality, as follows.

The borders or meadow lands, are a mile, and in fome places near two miles wide; and the Uplands are in common of a most fertil foil, capable of abundantly producing.

Wheat, Hemp, Flax, &c.

The lands which lie upon the Obio, at the mouths of, and between the above Creeks, also confist of rich intervals and very fine farming grounds.—The whole country abounds in Bears, Elks, Buffaloe, Deer, Turkies, &c.—An unquestionable proof of the extraordinary goodness of its foil!\*

Fort Pitt stands at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers; in latitude 40 31 44; and about five degrees westward of Philadelphia. In the year 1760, a small town, called Pittsburgh, was built near Fort Pitt,

<sup>\*</sup> Indiana, as in y be feen in my Map, lies within the teritory kere deferibed. At contains about three millions and an half of Acres, and was granted to Samuri Watton, William Trent and George Morgan Eliquites, and a few other persons, in the year 1768.

and about 200 families resided in it; but upon the Indian war preaking out (in the month of My 1763.) They abandoned their houses, and retired into one fort.

In the year 1765 the present town of Pit sburgh was laid out. It is built on the eastern bank of the River Mouonga-

beia, about 200 yards from Fort Pitt.

The junction of the dilegieny an Monongabela rivers, forms the River Obio, and this discharges itself into the Mifflippi, (in latitude 36 43) about 1188 computed miles from Fort Pitt The Occos in its passage to the Missippi, glides thro' a pleasant, fruitful and healthy country; and carries a great uniformity of breadth, from 400 to 600 yards, except at its confluence with the Missippi, and for 100 miles above it, where it is 1000 yards wide. The Ocio for the greater part of the way to the Missippi, has many meanders, or windings, and rising grounds upon both sides of it.

The reaches in the Obio are in some parts from two to four miles in length, and one of them, above the Muskingum River, called the Long Reach, is fixteen miles and a half long. The Ohio, about 100 miles above, or notherly of the Rapids, (formerly called the Falls) is in many places 700 yards wide; and as it approaches them, the high grounds on its borders gradually diminish, and the country becomes more level. Some of the banks, or heights of this River, are at times overflowed by great freshes, yet there is scarce a place between Fort Pitt and the Rapids (a distance of 705 computed miles) where a good road may not be made; and horses employed in drawing up large barges (as is done on the margin of the River Thames in England, and the Seine in France) against a stream remarkably gentle, except in high freshes. The heights of the banks of the Obio admit them every where to be fettled, as they are not liable to crumble away. And to these Remarks, it may he proper to add the following observations of the ingenious Mr. Lewis Evans, as published in the Analysis to his Map of the Middle Colonies of North America, in the year 1755 ... He fays, that the "Ohio River, " as the winter fnows are thawed, by the warmth or rains " in the spring, rises in vast floods, in some places, exceed-" ing 20 feet in height, but scarce any where overflowing

\*\* its high and upright banks. These stoods, Mr. Evans \*\* adds, continue of some height for at least a month or \*\* two, according to the late or early breaking up of the \*\* winter. - Vessels from 100 to 200 tons burthen, \*\* by taking the advantage of the shoods, may go from \*\* Pittsburg to the Sea with safety, as then the Falls, Rists, \*\* and shoals are covered to an equality with the rest of \*\* the River; — ind tho' the distance is upwards of 2000 miles from Fort Pict to he sea, yet as there are no obstructions, to prevent vessels from proceeding both day and night, - I am persuaded, that this extraordinary Inland Voyage may be performed, during the season of the stoods, by owing, in sixteen or seventeen days.

The Navigation of the Obio in a dry feason, is rather troublesome from Fort Pitt to the Mingo town, (about seventy five miles) but from thence to the Miffsippi, there is always a sufficient depth of water for barges, carrying from too to 200 ions burthen, built in the manner as those are which are used on the River Thames, between London and Oxford; --to wit, from 100 to 120 feet in keel, fixteen to eighteen feet in breadth, and four feet in depth, and when

loaded, drawing about three feet water.

The Rapids in a dry season, are difficult to descend with loaded boats or burges, without a good Pilot; --i: would be adviseable therefore for the Burgemen, in such season, rather than run any risk in passing them, to unload part of their cargoes, and reship it when the barges have got through the Rapids. It may, however, be proper to observe, that loaded boats in freshes, have been easily rowed against the stream, (up the Rapids) and that others, by means, only, of

a large fail, have attended them.

In a dry feason, the descent of the Rapids, in the distance of a mile, is about 12, or 15 feet, and the passage down, would not be difficult, except, prehaps, for the following reasons. Two inites above them, the River is deep, and three quarters of a mile broad;—but the channel is much contracted, and does not exceed 250 yards in breadth; (near three-fourths of the bed of the River, on the southeastern tide of it—being filled with a flat Limetione rock, so that in a dry tea on, there is seldem more than 6 or 8 inches water) it is upon the nothern tide of the River and

being confined, as above mentioned; the descending was ters tumble over the Rapids with a confiderable degree of celerity and force. The channel is of different depths, but no where, I think, less than ; feet ;-It is clear, and upon each fide of it are large broken rocks, a few inches under water\*. The Rapids are nearly in Latitude 38 8 ;-and the only Indian village (1766) on the banks of the Obio River between them and Fort Pitt, was on the north-weil ade, 75 miles below Pittsburgh, called the Mingo town; it contained 60 families.

Most of the Hills on both sides of the Obio are filled with excellent coal, and a coal mine was in the year 1760 opened opposite to Fort Pitt on the River Monong abela, for the use of that Garrison. Salt springs, as well as Iron Ore, and sich Lead Mines, are found bordering upon the River Obie. One of the latter, is opened upon a branch of the Sioto. River, and there, the Indian natives supply themselves with a confiderable part of the lead, which they use in their wars,

and hunting.

About 584 miles below Fort Pit:, and on the eastern side of the Obio River, about three miles from it, at the head of a small Creek or Run, where are several large and miry Salt Springs, are found numbers of large bones, teeth and tulks, commonly supposed to be those of Elephants :--but the celebrated Doctor Hunter of London, in his ingenious and curious Observations on these bones, &c. has supposed them to belong to some Carnivorous animal, larger than an ordinary Elephant\*.

See the annexed Plan. It is a correct Description of these Rapids. made by the Editor, on the spot in the year 1766.

<sup>\*</sup> Colonel Gorpon, in his Journal down the Ohio mentions," that " thefe Falls do not deferve that Name as the Stream on the north fide, 66 has no fulden pitch, but only runs rapid over the ledge of a flat " rock; - several boats, he says, passed it in the dryess feason of the year; unloading one third of their freight. They passed on the north "fide, where the carrying-place is three quarters of a mile long. On the fouth-east fide, it is about half that distance, and is reckoned "the fafest passage for those, who are unacquainted with it, but it is " the most tedious, as during part of the summer, and Fall, the Bat-" tomen drag their boats over the flat rock. The Fall is about half a " milerapid water, which however is passible, by wading and draging " the boat against the stream, when lowest, and with still greater este, " wien the water is raifed aflittle."-

On the North Western side of Obio, about 11 miles belo w the Cherokee River, on a high bank, are the remains of Fort Massac, built by the French, and intended as a check to the Southern Indians. It was destroyed by them in the year 1763. This is a high, healthy and delightful situation. A great vasiety of Game;—Bussace, Bear, Deer, &c. as well as Ducks, Geese, Swans, Turkies, Pheasants, Partriges, &c. abounds in every part of this country.

The Obio, and the Rivers emptying into it, afford green, and other Turtle, and fish of various forts;—particularly Carp, Sturgeon, Perch, and Cats; the two latter of an uncommon fize, viz. Perch, from 8 to 12 pounds weight, and

Cats from 50 to 100 pounds weight.

The lands upon the Obio, and its branches, are differently timbered according to their quality and fituation. The high, and dry lands, are covered with Red, White and Black Oak, Hickory, Walnut, Red and White Mulberry and Alb Trees .- Grape Vines, &c. The low and meadow lands are filled with Sycamore, Poplar, Red and White Mulberry, Cherry, Beech, Elm, Afpen, Maple, or Sugar Trees, Grape Vines, &c. And below, or fouthwardly of the Rapids, are several large Cedar and Cypress swamps, where the Cedar and Cypress trees grow to a remarkable fize, and where also is a great abundance of Canes, such as grow in South Carolina, The country on both sides of the Ohio, extending South-easterdly, and South-westerdly from Fort Pite to the Millisppi, and watered by the Obio River, and its branches, contains at least a million of square miles, and it may, with truth, be affirmed, that no part of the globe is bleffed with a more healthful air, or climate ;- \* watered

<sup>\*</sup> Colonel Gordon, in his Journal, gives the following Description of the soil and climate. "The country on the Ohio, &c. is every where pleasant, with large level soots of rich land, remarkably healtity —One general remarks of this nature may serve for the whole
tract of the Globe, comprehended between the Western skirts of the
Allegheny mountains, beginning at Fort Leconier, thence bearing
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empty themselves into the Ohio; thence East along the ridge, that
feparates the Lakes and Ohio's Streams to French Creek, which
is opposite to the abovementioned Fort Leconier, Northerly.—
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with more navigable rivers and branches communicating with the Atlantic Ocean, by the rivers Potowmack, Jemas, Rappabannock, Missippi, and St. Lawrence, or capable of producing with less labour and expence Wheat, Indian Corn, Buck-wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley, Flax, Henp, Tobacco, Rice, Silk, Pot-osh, &c. than the country under consideration. And although there are considerable quantities of high lands for about 250 miles (on both sides of the river Ohio) southwardly from Fort Pitt, yet even the summits of most of the Hills are covered with a deep rich soil, sit sor the oulture of Flax and Hemp, and it may also be added, that no soil can possibly yield larger crops of red and white Clover, and other useful grass, than this does.

On the North-west and South-east sides of the Ohio, below the Great Kanhawa River, at a little distance from it, are extensive natural meadows, or Savannahs. These meadows are from 20 to 50 miles in circuit. They have many beautiful groves of trees interspersed, as if by art in them, and which serve as a shelter for the innumerable herds of Bustaloe, Deer, &c. with which they abound\*.

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\* I am obliged to a worthy Friend, and Countryman, for the following just, and judicious observations. They were addressed to the Earl of Hillsborough, in the year 1776,—When Secretary of State for the North-American department.

"No part of North-America, he fays, will require less encouragement for the production of naval stores, and raw materials for mafunfactories in Europe; and for supplying the Wess-India islands with Lumber, Previsions, &c. than the country of the Ohio;—and

se for the following reasons:

first, The lands are excellent, the climate temperate, the native grapes, filk worms, and mulberry trees, abound every where: hemp, hops, and iye, grow spontaneously in the vaileys and low lands, lead, and iron ore are plenty in the hills, falt springs are innumerable; and so so list better adapted to the culture of Tobacco, Flax and Cotton, than that of the Ohio.

"Second, The country is well watered by feveral navigable Rivers, communicating with each other; by which, and a short land carriage, the produce of the Lands of the Ohio can, even now. (in the syear 1772) be sent cheaper to the Sea-port Town of Alexandria, on the River Potomack in Virginia (where General Braedock's Transfeports landed his troops) than any kind of Merchandise, is sent from Northampton to London.

"Third, The River Ohio is, at all feasons of the year, navigable with large boats, like the West Country Barges, rowed only by sonr or five men; and from the month of February to April large Ships may be built on the Thie, and sent to Sea laden with Hemp, Iron, Flax,

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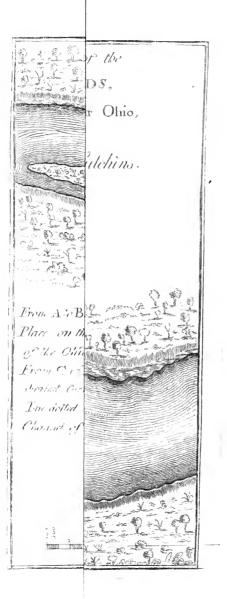
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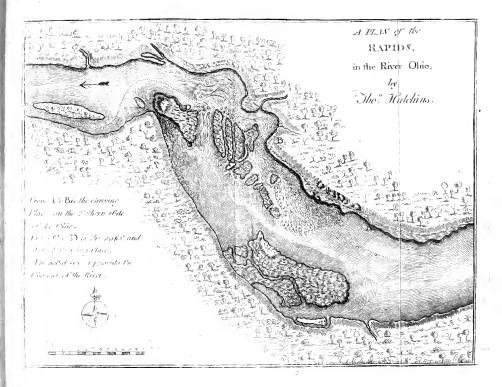
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Meghulbughkitum, is passable also by flat bottom boats in the same manner as Toby's Creek is to Susquehannah, and from thence to all the Settlements in Northumberland

county, &c. in Pennsylvania.

Kishkeminetas, is navigable in like manner as the preceding Creeks, for between 40 and 50 miles, and good portages are found between Kishkeminetas, Juniatta, and Potomac Rivers.—Coal and Salt are discovered in the neighbourhood of these Rivers.

Monongahela is a large River, and at its junction with the Allegheny River stands Fort Pitt. It is deep, and gentle, and navigable with Battoes and Barges, beyond Red Stone Creek, and still further with lighter crast. At fixteen miles from its mouth, is Youghingeny; This River is navigable with Batteaux or Barges to the foot of Laurel Hill.

Beaver Creek has water sufficient for flat bottom boats. At Kishkuskes (about 16 miles up) are two branches of this Creek, which spread opposite ways; one interlocks with French Creek and Cherage,—the other with Muskingum and Cayahoga; on this branch, about thirty-sive miles above

<sup>&</sup>quot;Confumption, but also for the carrying on an extensive Commerce with Jamaica and the Spanish Settlements in the Bay of Mexico. Mil litones in abundance are to be obtained in the Hillsnear the Ohio, and the country is every where well watered with large, and constant Springs and Streams, for Grift, and other Mills

<sup>&</sup>quot;The passage from Phia selphia to Pensacola, is seldom made in less than a Month, and sixty shillings sterling per ton, freight (consisting of fixteen barrel) is usually paid for Flour, &c. thickness. Boats carrying coor teco barrels of Flour, may go in about the same time from the Ohio, (Fittsburgh) as from Philadelphia to Pennsacola. and for half the above freight, the Ohio Merchants would be able to deliver Flour, &c. there. In much better order, than from Philadelphia, and without incurring the damage and delay of the sea, and charges of iniu ance, &c. as from thence to Pennsacola. This is not meer Speculation; for it is a fact; that about the year

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Canoes about twenty miles farther.

Missingum is a fine gentle River, confined by high banks, which prevent its floods from overflowing the ferrounding Land. It is 250 yards wide at its confluence with the Ohio, and navigable, without any obstructions, by large Battoes or Barges, to the three Leg's and by small ones to a little Lake at its head.

From thence to Cayahoga, (the Creek that leads to Lake Erie). The Cayahoga is muddy, and not very swift, but no where obstructed with falls or Rifts. Here are fine Uplands, extensive meadows, oak and mulberry trees sit for Ship building, and Walnut, Chefnut, and Peplar trees suitable for domestick services.—Cayahoga surnishes the best portage between Ohio and Lake Erie; at its mouth it is wide and deep enough to receive large Sloops from the Lake. It will hereaster be a place of great importance.

M. skingum in all its wide extended branches, is surgounded by most excellent land, and abounds in Springs, and conveniences particularly adapted to settlements remote from Sea Navigation;—such as Salt springs, Coal, silay and Free stone.—In 1748 a Coal mine opposite to Lamersphicola mouth took fire, and continued burning above two months, but great quantities of coal still remain in it. Near the same place are excellent Whissenses, and about 8 miles higher up the River, is plenty of White and Blue Clay for Glass works and Pottery.

Hockbocking is navigable with large flat bottom boats between seventy and eighty miles; it has fine meadows with high banks, which seldom overflow, and rich Uplands on its borders. Coal, and quarries of Freestone are sound a-

bout 15 miles up this Creek.

Big Kaubawa falls into the Obio upon its south eastern fide, and is so considerable a branch of this River, that it pass be mistaken for the Ohio itself by persons ascending it. It is slow for ten miles, to little broken Hills,... the low land is very rich, and of about the same breadth (from the Pipe Hills to the Falls) as upon the Ohio. After going so miles up Kaubayya the land is hilly, and the water a little rapid for 50 or 60 miles surther to the Falls, yet Batteaus or Barass may be easily rowed thister. These Falls were formerly

merly thought imp offible,; but late discoveries have proved, that a waggon road may be made through the mountain, which occasions the Falls, and that by a portage of a few miles only, a communication may be had between the waters of Great Kanhawa and Ohio, and those of James River in Virginia.

Tottery lies upon the fouth-eastern fide of the Ohio, and is navigable with Batteaux to the Ouastoto mountains. It is a long River, has few branches, and interlocks with Red Creek, or Clincke's River (a branch of the Cherokee).—And has below the mountains, especially for 15 miles from its mouth, very good land. Here is a preceptible difference of Climate between the upper and this part of the Ohio. Here the large Red or Carolina Cane grows in plenty, even upon the Upland, and the winter is so moderate as not to destroy it. The same moderation of climate continues down Ohio, especially on the south-east side to the Rasids, and thence on both sides of that River to the Mississippi.

Great Sa't Lick Creek, is remarkable for fine land, plenty of Buffaloes, Salt springs, White Clay, and Limestone. Small boats may go to the crossing of the war Pathwithout any impediment. The Salt Springs render the waters unfit for drinking, but the plenty of fresh springs in their vicinity, make sufficient amends for this inconvenience.

Keniucke is larger than the preceding Creek; it is surrounded with high clay banks, fertile lands, and large salt Springs. Its Navigation is interrupted by shoals, but passable with small boats to the gap, where the war Path goes

through the Ouafoto mountains.

Sioto, is a large gentle River bordered with rich Flats, or Meadows. It overflows in the spring, and then spreads about half a mile, tho' when confined within its banks it is scarce a surlong wide.

If it floods early, it feldom retires within its banks in less than a month, and is not fordable frequently in less

than two months,

The Sioto, besides having a great extent of most excellent land on both sides of the River, is surnished with Salz on an eastern branch, and Red Bole on Necunsia Skeintat.

The Stream of Sioto is gentle and passable with larger Battoes or Barges for a considerable way, and with smaller

boats, near 200 miles to a portage, of only four miles to

Sandusky.

Sandusky is a confiderable River abounding in level land its Stream gentle all the way to the mouth, where it is large enough to receive Sloops. The Northern Indians cross Lake Eris here from Island to Island, land at Sandusky and go by a direct path to the lower Shawanos town, and thence to the gap of the Ousaoto Mountain, in their way to the Cuttawa country,

Little Mineami River is too small to navigate with Batteaux. It has much fine land and several Salt Springs, its high banks and gentle current prevent its much over-

flowing the surrounding lands in freshes.

Great Mineami, Asserteniet or rocky River, has a very stony channel; a swift Stream, but no Falls. It has several large branches, passable with boats a great way; one extending westward towards the Wabash River, another towards a branch of Mineami River (which runs into Lake Erie) to which there is a portage, and a third has a portage to the west branch of Sandusky, besides Mad Creek where the French sormerly established themselves. Rising ground here and there a little stony, which begins in the northern part of the Peninsula, between the Lakes Erie Huron and Michigan, and extend across little Mineami River below the Forks, and southwardly along the rocky River, to Ohio.

BuffalesRiver falls into the Obio on the eastern side of it, at the distante of 925 computed miles from Fort Pitt. It is a very considerable branch of the Ohio; is 200 yards wide, navigable upwards of 150 miles for Battoes or Barges, of 30 seet long, 5 seet broad, and 3 seet deep, carrying about 7 tons, and can be navigated much farther, with large canoes. The Stream is moderate. The Lands on both sides of this River are of a most luxuriant quality, for the production of Hemp, Flax, Wheat, Tobacco, &c. They are covered with a great variety of losty and useful timber; as Oak, Hickory, Mulberry, Elm, &c. Several persons who have ascended this River, say, that salt springs, Coal, Lime and Freestone, &c. are to be found in a variety of places.

The Wabash, is a beautiful River, with high and upright banks, less subject to overflow, than any other River (the Ohio excepted) in this part of America. It discharges

itself into the Obio, one thousand and twenty two miles below Fort Pitt, in latitude 37° 411.-at its mouth, it is 270 yards wide; is navigable to Ouitanon (412 miles) in the Spring, Summer, and Autumn, with Battoes or Barges, drawing about three feet water. From thence, on account of a rocky bottom, and shoal water, large cances are chiefly employed, except when the River is swelled with rains, at which time it may be ascended with boats, such as I have just described, (197 miles further to the Miams car ying-place, which is nine miles from the Miami village, and this is fituated on a River of the same name that runs into the fouth fouth-west part of Lake Erie. The Stream of the Wabal, is generally gentle to Fort Quiarenon, and no where obstructed with Falls, but is by several Rapids, both above and below that Fort, some of which are pretty considerable. There is also a part of the River for about three miles, and 30 miles from the carrying-place, where the Channel is so narrow, that it is necessary to make use of setting poles, instead of oars. The land on this-River is remarkably fertile, and feveral parts of it are natural meadows, of great extent, covered with fine long grass.—The timber is large and high, and in such variety, that almost all the different kinds growing upon the Obio, and its branches (but with a greater proportion of black and white mulberry-trees) may be found here. A filver mine has been discovered about 28 miles above Ouitanon, on the nothern fide of the Wabash, and probably others may be found hereafter. The Wabalh abounds with Salt Springs, and any quantity of falt may be made from them, in the manner now done at the Saline in the Illinois country:—the hills are replenished with the best coal, and there is plenty of Lime and Free Stone, Blue Yeloe and White Clay, for Glass Works and Pottery. Two French settlements are established on the Wabash, called Post Vincient and Ouiatanon; the first is 150 miles, and the other 262 miles from its mouth. The former is on the eastern side of the River, and consists of 60 settlers and their families. They raise Indian Corn,-Wheat; and Tobacco of an extraordinary good quality;—superior, it is said, to that produced in Virginia. They have a fine breed of horses (brought originally by the Indians from the

Spanish settlements on the western side of the River Mission and large stocks of Swine, and Black Cattle.

The fettlers deal with the natives for Furrs and Deer skins, to the amount of about 50001. annually. Hemp of a good texture grows spontaneously in the low lands of the Wabash, as do Grapes in the greatest abundance, having a black, thin skin and of which the inhabitants in the Autumn, make a sufficient quantity (for their own consumption) of well-tasted Red Wine. Hops large and good, are sound in many places, and the lands are particularly adapted to the culture of Rice. All European fruits:—Apples, Peaches, Pears, Cherries, Currants, Goosberrys, Mekns, &c. thrive well, both here, and in the country bordering on the River Ohio

Ouiatanon, is a small stockaded fort on the western side of the Wabalb, in which about a dozen families refide. neighbouring Indians are the Kickapoos, Musquitons, Pyankilbarus, and a principle part of the Ouiatanons, The whole of these tribes consists, it is supposed, of about one thousand warriors. The fertility of foil, and diversity of timber in this country, are the same as in the vicinity of Post Vincient. The annual amount of Skins and Furrs, obtained at Quiatanon is about 8000 l. By the River Wabalb, the inhabitants of Detroit move to the fouthern parts of Ohio, and the Illinois country, Their rout is by the Miami River to a carrying place, which, as before stated, is nine miles to the Wabalo, when this River is raised with Freshes; but at other seasons, the distance is from 18 to 30 miles including the portage. The whole of the latter is through a level country. Carts are usually employed in transporting boats and merchandise, from the Miami to the Wabash River.

The Sharvance River empties itself on the eastern side of Ohio, about 95 miles southwardly of the Wabash River. It is 250 yards wide at its meut, has been navigated 180 miles in Battoes of the construction of those mentioned in the preceding article, and from the depth of water, at that distance from its mouth, it is presumed, it may be navigated much surther. The soil and timber of the lands, upon this River, are exactly the same as those upon Buffaloe River.

The Cherekee River discharges itself into the Ohio on the

fame fide, that the Shawanoe River does, that is .- 12 miles below or foutherly of it, and 11 miles above, or northerly of the place where Fort Massac formerly stood, and 57 miles from the confluence of the Obio with the River Missippi .- The Cherokee River has been navigated 900 miles from its mouth. At the distance of 220 miles from thence, it widens from 400 yards (its general width) to between two or three miles, and continues this breadth for near thirty miles, farther. The whole of this distance, is called the Muscle Shoals. Here the Channel is obstructed with a number of Islands, formed by trees and drifted wood, brought hither, at different seasons of the year, in freshes and floods. In passing these islands, the middle of the widest intermediate water, is to be navigated, as there it is deepest. From the mouth of the Cherokee River to Muscle Shoals the current is moderate, and both the high and low lands are rich, and abundantly covered with Oaks, Walnut, Sugartrees, Hickory, &c .- About 200 miles above these shoals, is, what is called, the Whirl, or Sucks. occasioned, I imagine, by the high mountain, which there confines the River (supposed to be the Laurel mountain,) The Whirl, or Suck continues rapid for about three miles. Its width about 50 vards. Ascending the Cherokce River, and at about 100 miles from the Suck, and upon the fouth eastern side of that River, is Highwasee River. Vast tracts of level and rich land border on this River; but at a fmall distance from it, the country is much broken, and fome part of it produce only Pine Trees. Forty miles higher up the Cherokee River on the north western side, is Clinche's It is 150 yards wide, and about 50 miles up it several families are settled. From Clinche'sto Tenesee River is 100 miles. It comes in on the eaftern fide, and is 250 yards wide. About 10 miles up this River is a Cheerokee town called Cho. a, and further up this branch, are feveral other Indian towns, possessed by Indians, called, the over hill Cherokees. The navigation of this branch. is much interrupted by rocks, as is also the River, called, French Broad, which comes into the Cherokee River 50 miles above the Tenesee, and on the same fide. 150 miles above, French Broad is Long Island (three miles in length) and from thence to the source of the Cherokee River is 60 miles.

and the whole distance is so rocky, as to be scarcely navi-

gable with a canoe.

By the Cherokee River, the emigrants from the frontier counties of Virginia and North Carolina, pais to the fettlements in West Florida upon the River Mississippi. They embark at Long Island.

I now proceed to give a Description of that part of my Map called the *Illinois country*, lying between the *Msfiftpi* westerly, the *Illinois River* northerly, the *Wabash* easterry,

and the Obio foutherly.

The land at the confluence, or Fork of the Rivers M fi-fippi and Obio is above 20 feet higher than the common furface of these Rivers; yet so considerable are the Spring floods, that it is generally overslewed for about a week, as are the lands for several miles back in the country—The soil at the Fork is composed of Mud, Earth and Sand, accumulated from the Obio and Missippi Rivers. It is exceedingly fertile, and in its natural state, yields Hemp, Pea-Vines, Grass, &c. and a great variety of trees, and in particular, the Aspen Tree of an unusual height and thickness.

For 25 miles up the Missippi (from the Obio) the country is rich, level and well timbered; --- and then several gentle rising grounds appear, which gradually diminish at the distance of between sour or sive miles eastward from the River. From thence to the Kaskuskias River is 65 miles. The country is a mixture of hills and vallies; some of the former are rocky and steep; --- but they, as well as the vallies, are shaded with sine Oaks, Hickory, Wasnut, Ash and Mulberry trees, &c. Some of the high grounds afford the most pleasant situations for settlements. Their elevated, and airy positions, together with the great luxuriance of the Soil, every where yielding plenty of Grass, and useful plants, promise health, and ample returns to industrious settlers.

Many quarries of Lime, Freestone, and Marble have been

discovered in this part of the country.

Several Creeks and Rivers fall into the Miffifppi, in the above distance (of 65 miles) but no remarkable ones, except the Rivers a Vase and Kaskaskias; --- the former is navigable for Rattoes of about 60, and the latter for about 120 miles

130 miles ;---both these Rivers run through a rich country, abounding in extensive, natural meadows, and numberless

herds of Buffaloe, Deer, &c.

The high grounds, just mentioned, continue along the eastern side of the Kaskaskias River at a small distance from it, for the space of sive miles and a half, to the K skaskias village; then they incline more towards that river, and run nearly parallel with the eastern bank of the M. sisteppi, at the distance of about three miles in some parts, and sour miles in other parts from it. These principally composed of Lime and Free stone, and are from 100 to 130 feet high, divided in several places by deep cavities, through which many small rivulets pass before they fall into the M. sisteppi. The sides of these hills fronting this River, are in many places perpendicular,—and appear like solid pieces of stone Massonry, of various colours, figures and sizes.

The low land between the Hills and the Mffippi, begins on the north fide of the Kafkaskias River, and continues for three miles above the River, Mijouri, where a high ridge terminates it, and forms the eastern bank of the Miffippi.--- This interval land is level, has few trees, and is of a very rich foil, yielding shrubs and most fragrant flowers, which added to the number and extert of meadows and ponds dispersed thro' this charming valey, render it exceedingly beautiful and agreeable.

In this vale stand the following villages, viz. Kaskaskias, which, as already mentioned, is five miles and a half up a River of the same name, running northerly and southerly. This village contains 80 houses, many of them well built; several of stone, with gardens, and large lots adjoining. It consists of about 500 white inhabitants, and between four and five hundred negroes. The former have large

stocks of Black Cattle, Swine, &c.

Three miles northerly of Kaskaskias, is a village of Illinois Indians, (of the K skaskias tribe) containing about 210 persons and 60 warriors. They were sormerly brave and warlike, but are degenerated into a drunken, and debauched tribe, and so indolent, as scarcely to procure a sufficiency of Skins and Furrs to barter for cloathing.

Nine miles further northward, than the last mentioned village

village, is another, called La prairie du Rocher, or (the Rock meadows.) It consists of 100 white inhabitants and 80

negroes.

Three miles northerly of this place, on the banks of the Missippi stood Fort Chartres. It was abandoned in the year 1772, as it was rendered untenable by the constant washings of the River Missippi in high stoods.--The village of Fort Chartres, a little southward of the Fort,---contained so the inhabitants, as not to deserve my notice.

One mile higher up the M shippi than Fort Chatres, is a village settled by 170 warriors of the Piorias and Mitchigamias (two other tribes of the Illinois Indians.) They are as idle and debauched, as the tribe of Kaskashias, which

I have just described.

Four miles higher than the preceding village, is St. Philips. It was formerly inhabited by about a dozen families, but at present, is possessed by two or three. The others have retired to the western side of the M. st. Poilips (and one mile up a small River, on the southern side of it) stands the village of Cabokia. It has 50 houses many of them well built, and 300 inhabitants, possessing so negroes, and

large flocks of black Cattle, Swine, &c.

Four miles above Cahokia, on the western, or Spanish side of the Missisppi, stands the village of St. Louis on a high piece of ground. It is the most healthy and pleasurable situation of any known in this part of the country. Here the Spanish Commandant, and the principal Indian Traders reside; who by concilating the affections of the native, have drawn all the Indian trade of the Missisppi, and of the tribes of Indians residing near the Ouisconsing, and Illineie Rivers, to this village. In St. Louis are 120 houses, mostly built of stone. They are large and commodious. This village has 800 inhabitants, chiefly French; some of them have had a liberal education, are polite and hospitable. They have about 150 negroes, and large stocks of black cattle, &c.

Twelve miles below, or foutherly of Fort Chartres on the Western bank of the Missisppi, and nearly opposite to the village of Kyknskias, is the village St Genevieve or Missire. It contains upwards of 100 houses, and 460 inhabitants,

befides

befides Negroes. This and St. Louis are all the villages that are upon the western, or Spanish side of the Mississippi.

Four miles below St. Genevieve (on the western bank of Missippi) at the mouth of a Creek, is a Hamlet, called the Saline. Here all the falt is made, which is used in the Illinois country, from a falt spring, that is at this place.\* The Ridge which form, the eastern bank of the M Shippi. above the Missari River, continues northerly to the Litinois River, and then directs its course along the eastern side of that River, for about 220 miles, when it declines, in gentle flopes, and ends in extensive rich savannahs. On the top of this Ridge, at the mouth of the Illinois River, is an agreeable and commanding fituation, for a fort, and tho' the Ridge is high and steep (about 130 feet high) and rather difficult to ascend; yet when ascended, it affords a most delightful prospect. The M. flifitpi is distinctly seen from its fummit for more than twenty miles, as are the beautiful meanderings of the Illinois River, for many leagues; next a level, fruitful meadow presents itself, of at least one hundred miles in circuit on the western side of the M (lifippi, watered by feveral lakes, and shaded by small groves of copies of trees, scattered in different parts of it. and then the eye, with rapture, furveys, as well the high lands bordering upon the River Miscuri, as those at a greater distance up the M. flist pi, ... In fine, this charming ridge is covered with excellent Grass, large Oak, Walnut trees, &c. and at the distance of about nine miles from the Miffisppi, up the Illinois River, are seen many large savannahs, or meadows abounding in Buffaloe, Deer. &c.

\* In the several villages on, and near the Missispi; which I have just described, (and which are delineated in the annexed plan) there were in the year 1771, twelve hundred and seventy three tencible men. To wit

On the Eastern fide of the Miffifippi,

on the Western fide of the Missisppi.

At St. Genevieve,

At St. Louis,

French 700 Negroes 230

French 08 Negroes 80

French 415 Negroes

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In ascending the Missifippi. Cape au Gres, particularly attracted my attention. It is about 8 leagues above the . Illinois River, on the eastern fide of the Miffifippi, and continues above five leagues on that River. There is a gradual descent back to delightful meadows, and to beautiful and fertile uplands water'd by several Rivulets, which fall into the Illinois River between 30 and 40 miles from its entrance into the M flifippi, and into the latter at Cape an The distance from the Millispi, to the River Illiwois across the country, is lessened or increased, according to the windings of the former River; the smallest distance is at Cape au Gres, and there it is between four and five The lands in this intermediate space between the above two Rivers are rich, almost beyond parallel, covered with large Oaks, Walnut &c. and not a stone is to be feen, except upon the fides of the River. It is even acknowledged by the French inhabitants, that if fettlements were only begun at Gape au Gres, those upon the Spanish file of the Miffifippi, would be abandoned, as the former would excite a constant succession of settlers, and intercept all the trade of the upper M. flifitpi.

The I.linois River furnishes a communication with Lake Michigan, by the Chicago River, and by two portages between the latter and the Islinois River; the longest of

which does not exceed four miles.

The Illinois country is in general of a superior soil to any other part of North America that I have seen. It produces fine Oak, Hickory, Cedar, Mulherry trees, &c. some Dying roots and medecinal Plants; Hops, and excellent wild grapes, and in the year 1769, one hundred and ten hogsheads of well tastee and strong Wine, were

made by the French settlers, from these Grapes.

A large quantity of Sugar is also annually made from the juce of the Maple tree; and as the Mulberry trees are large and numerous, I presume the making of Silk will employ the attention and industry of the settlers, when the country is more fully inhabited than at present, and especially as the winters are much more moderate, and savourable for the breed of Silk Worms, than they are in many of the sea coast provinces. Indigo may likewise be successfully cultivated, (but not more than two cuttings in a year;)

Wheat, Peas, and Indian Corn thrive well, as does every fort of Grain and Pulse, that is produced in any of the old Colonies. Great quantities of Tobacco are also yearly raised by the inhabitants of the Illinois, both for their own confumption, and that of the Indians ; --- but little has hitherto been exported to Europe. Hemp grows spontaneously, and is of a good texture ; --- Its common height is 10 feet, and its thickness three inches (the latter reckoned within about a foot of the root) and with little labour any quantity may be cultivated. Flax feed has hitherto been only raised in small quantities. There has however been enough produced to shew, that it may be sown to the greatest advantage. Apples, Pears, Peaches, and all other European fruits succeed admirably. Iron, Copper, and Lead Mines, as also Salt Springs, have been discovered in different parts of this territory. The two latter are worked on the Spanish fide of the Mishippi, with considerable advantage to their owners. There is plenty of fish in the Rivers, particularly Cat, Carp, and Perch, of an uncommon fize. -- Savannahs, or natural meadows, are both numerous and extensive; yielding excellent grass, and feeding great herds of Buffalor, Deer, &c. Ducks, Teal, Geele, Swans, Cranes, Pelicans, Turkies, Pheasants, Partridges, &c. fuch as are feen in the Sea coast Colonies, are in the greatest variety and abundance .-- In short, every thing, that a reasonable mind can desire, is to be found, or may, with little pains, be produced here\*.

Niagara Fort is a most important post. It secures a greater number of communications, through a large country, than probably any other pass in interior America;—it stands at the entrance of a straight, by which Lake Ontario, is joined to Lake Erie, and the latter is connected with the three great Lakes Huron, Michegan, and Superior. About nine miles above Fort Niagara, the carrying place begins. It is occasioned by the stupendous cataract of that name. The quantity of water which tumbles over this Fall is unparralleled in America;—its heighth, is not less than 137 feet This Fall would interrupt the commu-

<sup>\*</sup> See the annexed Plan of the villages in the Illinois country &c. and fee Appendix, No. I. for a farther account thereof.

mication between the Lakes Ontario and Erie; if a road was not made up the hilly country; that borders upon the freight. This road extends to a small post eighteen miles from the Fort Niagora. Here the traveller embarks in a battoe or canoe, and proceeds eighteen miles to a fmall fort at Lake Erie. It may be proper also to add, that at the end of the first two miles, in the last mentioned oifstance of 18 miles, the Stream of the River is divided by a large Island, above nine miles in length,; and at the upper end of it, about a mile from Lake Erre, are three or four islands, not far from each other; these islands by interrupting and confining the waters discharged from the Lake, greatly increase the rapidity of the stream; which indeed is so violent, that the stiffest gale is scarcely sufficient to enable a large vessel to stem it, but it is successfully refifted in small battoes or canoes, that are rowed near the thore.

Lake Erie, is about 225 miles in length, and upon a medium about 40 miles in breadth. It affords a good nawigation for shipping of any burthen. The coast on both sides of the Lake is generally favourable for the passage of battoes and canoes. Its banks in many places have a flat fandy shore, particularly to the eastward of the Peninsula. galled Long Point, which extends into the Lake, in a fouth eastern direction for upwards of 18 miles, and is not more than five miles wide in the broadest part, but the Isthmus, by which it joins the continent, is scarcely 200 yards wide. The Peninsula is composed of Sand, and is very convenient to haul beats out of the furf upon, (as is also almost every other part of the shore) when the Lake is too rough for rowing or failing; yet there are some places, where, in boisterous weather (on account of their great perpendicular height) it would be dangerous to approach, and impossible to land: most of these places are marked in my Map with the letter X.

Lake Erie has a great varety of fine fish, such as Stur-

geon, Eel, White Fish, Trout, Perch. &c.

The country northward of this Lake, is in many parts swelled with moderate hills, but no high mountains. The climate is temperate, and the air healthful. The lands well timbered, (but not generally so rich, as those upon

the fouthern fide of the lake) and for a confiderable distance from it, and for several miles eastward of Cayahoga River, they appear quite level, and extremely service; and except where extensive savannahs, or natural meadows intervene, are covered with large Oaks, Walnut. Ash, Hickory, Mulberry, Sassafras, &c. &c. and produce a great variety of Shrubs and Medicinal roots.—Here also is great plenty of Bustaloe Deer Furkies Partriges, &c.

Fort Detroit is of an oblong figure, built with stockades, and advantageously situated, with one entire side commanding the river, called Detroit. This fort is near a mile in circumference, and encloses about one hundred houses, built in a regular manner, with parallel streets, crossing each other at right angles. Its situation is delightful, and in the centre of a pleasant fruitful, country.

The strait St. Clair (commonly called the Detrois River ) is at its entrance more than three miles wide, but in ascending it, its width perceptibly diminishes, so that opposite to the Fort, (which is 18 miles from Lake Erie) it does not exceed half a mile in width. From thence to Lake St. Clair, it widens more than a mile. The channel of the straight is gentle and wide, and deep enough for shipping of great burthen, although it is incommoded by feveral islands; one of which is more than seven miles in length. These Islands are of a fertile soil, and from their situation afford a very agreeable appearance. For eight miles below, and the same distance above Fort Detroit, on both sides of the River, the country is divided into well cultivated plantations, and from the contiguity of the farmers houses to each other, they appear as two long extended villages. The inhabitants, who are mostly French, are about 2000 in number: 500 of whom are as good marksmen, and as well accustomed to the woods, as the Indian natives themselves. They raise large stocks of black cattle, and great quantities of corn, which they grind by wind mills, and manufacture into excellent Flour. chief trade of Detroit consists in a barter of course European goods with the natives for Furrs, Deer Ikins, Tallow, &c.

The rout from Lake St. Clair to Lake Huron, is up a fraight or River, about 400 yards wide. This river devives itself from Lake Huron, and at the distance of 33 miles

miles loses itself in Lake St. Ciair. It is in general rapid but particularly so near its source;—its channel, and also that of Lake St Clair, are sufficiently deep for shipping of very considerable burthen. This strait has several mouths, and the lands lying between them are sine meadows. The country on both sides of it, for 15 miles, has a very level appearance, but from thence to Lake Huron, it is in many places broken, and covered with white Pines, Oaks, Maple, Birch and Beech.

## APPENDIX, No. I.

Mr. Patrick Kennedy's Journal of an Expedition undertaken by himfelf and several Coureurs de Bois in the year 1773,---from Kaskaskias Vil lage in the Illinois County to the Head Waters of the Illinois River\*.

TULY 23, 1773. "We fet out form Kafkafkias in fearch " of a Copper mine, and on the 31st reached the Illi-" nois River; it is 84 miles from Kaskaskias. The same "day we entered the Illinois River which is 18 miles a-"' bove that of the Miffouri. The water was so low, and the " fides of the river fo full of weeds, that our progress was " much interrupted, being obliged to row our boat in the " deep water, and strong current. The chain of rocks, " and high hills which begin at the Piasas about three " miles above the Miffouri, extend to the mouth of the " Illinois River, and continue along the fouth-eastern fide of the same in an east-north-east course. About eigh-" teen miles up this river, on the eastern side, is a little " river called by the natives Macopin or White Potato River; it is 20 yards wide, and navigable nine miles to "the hills. The shore is low on both sides; the timber, 66 Bois connu, or Paccan, Maple, Ash, Button wood, &c. "The course of the Illinois River here, is N. N, E; the " land is well timbered, and covered with high weeds. "There are fine meadows at a little distance from the river: the banks of which do not crumble away as those of the Missippi do: we passed numbers of Islands, some

" of them between nine and twelve miles in length, and three miles in breadth. -- The general width of the Riv-

" er in this day's journey, was about 400 yards.

"August 1, about 12 o'clock, we stopped at the Piorias wintering ground. About a quarter of a mile from the River, on the eastern side of it, is a meadow of many miles long, and sive or six miles broad. In this meadow are many small lakes, communicating with each other, and by which there are passages for small boats or canoes and one in particular, leads to the Illinois River. The timber in general very tall Oaks. We met with some beautiful islands in this part of the River (48 miles from

"the Missippi) and great plenty of Bussaloe and Deer.
"August 2, At one o'clock we passed an island called.
"Piere. A Fleeche, or arrow stone is gotten by the Indians from a high hill on the western side of the River, near the above island; with this stone, the natives make their gun slints, and point their arrows. Half a league above this island, on the eastern side of it, the meadows border on the river, and continue several miles; the land is remarkably rich, and well watered with small Rivulets from the neighbouring hills. The banks of the River are high, the water clear, and at the

bottom of the River are white Marl and Sand.

" August 2, Passed the Mine River. It comes into the " Illinois River on the northwestern side of it, 120 miles " from the Miffifippi. It is 50 yards wide and very rapid. " August 4, Here the land on both fides of the Illinois "River is low, but rifes gradually. The Prairie, or " meadow ground on the eastern fide, is at least twenty miles wide; it is fine land for tillage, or for grazing " cattle, and is well watered with a number of springs. About 12 O'clock we passed the River Sagamond, 134 miles from the Missippi. It is a River 100 yards "wide, and navigable for small boats or cances upwards " of 180 miles, and about funfet, we passed the River " Demi-Quian It comes in on the western side of the Illinos, River; (165 miles from the M. Thippi;) is 50 " yards wide, and navigable 120 miles. We encamped on the fouth eastern fide of the Illinois river, opposite to a very large savannah, belonging to and called, the

\*\* Demi-Quian swamp. The lands on the south-eastern fide are high and thinly timbered; but at the place of our encampment are sine meadows, extending farther than the eye can reach, and affording a delightful prospect. The low lands on the western side of the Illinois River, extend so far back from it that no high grounds can be seen. Here is plenty of Bustaloe, Deer, Elk,

"can be seen. Here is plenty of Bussaloe, Deer, Elk, "Turkies, &c.
"August 5, It rained all day, which detained us till the evening, when we embarked, and rowed till dark; in our way we passed the Lake Demi-Quian, 200 yards west from the river of that name, it is a circular sigure, fix miles across, and discharges itself by a small passage, four feet deep into the Illinois River. This Lake is 171 miles from the M sister. The general course of the Illinois River varies very little; it rather however inclines to the eastward. The lands are much the same as before described, only the Prairies (Meadows) extend further from the river by our reckoning, we are

" 177 miles from the Mifisippi.

August 6. Set out early, and at 11 o'Clock we paf-" fed the Seseme Quian river, it is on the western side of " the Illinois river; is 40 yards wide, and navigable 60 " miles; the land bordering on this river is very good. About four o'clock we passed the river De la March, (on " the western fide also of the Illinois river ;) it is 30 yards " wide, and navigable about eight or nine miles only. "Though the De la March is not fo long as the Sejeme " Quian, vet it is much hansomer. These rivers are about " nine miles distant from each other. Here the land begins to rife gradually on the western bank. At sun set we pasted a river called Michilimackinac. It is on the " fouth eastern fide of the Illinois River; is 50 yards wide, navigable for about 90 miles, and has between 30 and 40 fmall islands at its mouth; which at a distance ap-" pear like a small village. On the banks of this river " is plenty of good timber, viz. Red and white Cedar, \* Pine, Maple, Walnut, &c. and finding some pieces of coal, I was induced to walk up the river a few miles, \* the' net far enough to reach a coal mine. In many places " I also found clinkers, which inclined me to think that . " a coal mine, not far distant, was on fire, and I have ince heard, there was --- The land is high on the eastern bank of the river, but on the western are large plains or meadows, extending as far as can be seen, covered with fine grass. This river is 195 miles from the

with fine grafs. This river is 195 miles from the " Miffippi. " August 7, The morning being very foggy, and the " River overgrown with weeds along its fides, we could " make but little way. About 12 o'clock we got to the old Pioria Fort and village on the western shore of the Riv-" er, and at the fouthern end of the lake called the Illinois " Lake; which is 19 miles and a half in length, and three " miles in breadth. It has no Rocks, Shoals or per-" ceivable Current. We found the stockades of this " Pioria Fort destroyed by fire, but the houses standing. "The fummit on which the Fort flood, commands a fine " prospect of the country to the eastward, and up the lake to the point, where the River comes in at the north end; to the westward are large meadows. In the lake is great plenty of fish, and in particular, Sturgeon, and Picannau. On the eastern side of the lake, about the middle of it, the chair of Rocks, that extends from the " back of Kakaskias, to Cabokia Piasa, the mouth of the Illinois River, &c. terminates. The Country to the " weltward, is low and very level, covered with Grass, "Weeds, Flags, &c. Here is abundance of Cherry, "Plumb and other fruit trees. This lake is 210 miles " from the M. fisippi.

"August 8, The wind being sairwe made a sail of our tent, and reached the upper end of the lake by sun set; and the wind continuing sair we ascended the River, and about 4 o'clock passed Crows Meadows River, which comes from the eastward, and over against it, on the wed side, are the meadows just mentioned, 240 miles from the Mississippi. This River is twenty yards wide, and navigable between 15 and 18 miles. The land on both sides of the Illinois River, for 27 or 30 miles above the lake, is generally low and full of Swamps, some a mile wide, bordered with sine meadows, and in some places, the high land comes to the River in points, or narrow necks.

" August

" August 9, At 10 o'clock, we passed the Riviere de " I' Iste de Pluye, or Rainy Island River, on the fouth-east "file it is 15 yards wide, and navigable nine miles to "the rocks. After passing this River, which is 25; miles " from the Miffifippi, we found the water very shallow, and " it was with difficulty that we got forward, though we employed seven oars, and our boat drew only three feet "water. The grass which grows in the interval or mea-"dow ground, between the Illinois River and the Rocks, is " finer than any we have feen, and is thicker and higher " and more clear from weeds, than in any of the meadows " about Kakakus or Fort Chartres. The timber is gene-" rally Birch, Button, and Paccan .. -- The wind continuing " fair, about 10 o'clock we passed the Vermillion River, " 267 miles from the Miffisppi. It is 30 yards wide, but " fo rocky as not to be navigable. At the distance of a " mile further, we arrived at the little rocks, which are 60 " miles from the Forks, and 270 miles from the Miffifippi. "Thewater being very low, we could get no further with " our boat, and therefore we proceeded by land to the " Ferks. We fet out about two o'clock on the western side " of the River, but the grass and weeds were to high, that " we could make but little way. " August 10, We crossed the high land, at ten o'clock

" we came to the Fox River (or a branch of it) after " walking twenty-four miles. It fails into the Illinois "River, thirty miles beyond the place where we left our The Fox River is 25 yards wide, and has about " five feet water; its course is from the westward by many " windings through large meadows. At three miles dif-" tance, after crossing this river, we fell in with the Llinois "River again, and kept along its bank; here we found a " path. About fix o'clock we arrived, after walking " about 12 miles, at an old encampment, fifteen miles " from the Fork. The land is stoney, and the meadows " not so good as some which we formerly passed ;--- from " hence we went to an island, where several French traders "were encamp'd, but we could get no intelligence from "them about the copper mine which we had fet out in fearch " of. At this island we hired one of the French hunters to se conduct us in a canoe to our beat.

"August 11, We set off about three o'clock, and at inight got within nine miles of our boat. We computed it to be 45 miles from the island we last departed from,

" to the place where we left our boat. "August 12, We embarked early, and proceeded "three miles down the Illinois River. On the north-wes-. tern fide of this river is a coal mine, that extends for " half a mile along the middle of the bank of the river, " which is high. On the eastern side, about half a mile " from it, and about the same distance below the coal mine, " are two falt ponds, 100 yards in circumference, and " feveral feet in depth; the water is stagnant, and " of a yellowish colour; but the French, and natives " make good falt from it. We tasted the water, and " thought it falter than that which the French make falt " from at the faline near St. Genevieve. At nine o'clock "we arrived at our boat. From the island, where we " found the French traders, and from whence we embarked " in a canoe to go to our boat, there is a confiderable de-" scent and Rapid all the way. Here it is, that the French " fettlers cut their mill stones. The land along the hanks " of the river is much better than what we meet with, " when we crossed the country on the 10th of this month. "On the high lands, and particularly those on the south-" eastern side, there is abundance of red and white Cedar, " Pine trees, &c. We embarked about two o'clock, and " proceeded till nine at night.

. "August 13, We lay by half this day, on account of

" wet weather.

"August 14, Embarked early, and after crossing the "Illinois lake arrived late in the evening, at the Pigria "Fort.

"August 15, Rowed very constantly all day, and ar"rived at the Mine River in the evening. Here I met
"with Mr. Janiste a French gentleman, and prevailed on
"him to accompany me, in an attempt up this River, to
discover the Copper-Mine.

"August 16, Embarked early, and ascended the Mine River in a small canoe, about 6 miles, but could get no further, as the river was quite dry a little higher up. "Itruns the above distance, through very high grounds, is

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"rocky and very crooked; the banks of the river are much broken, and the passage choaked with timber; ---- Mr. "Janiste says, that the current is so strong in stoods, now thing can resist it. The bottom is sand, green in some places, and red in others; it is said, that there is an alum hill on this river; ---- As I thought it was impossible to get to the mine by land at this season of the year, on account of the rocky mountains, weeds, briars, &c. I determined to return to Kaskaskias, and accordingly we went back to our boat, embarked about one o'clock, and continued rowing day and night until 12 o'clock the 18th, when we entered the river Massage on our way to Kaskaskias village,"

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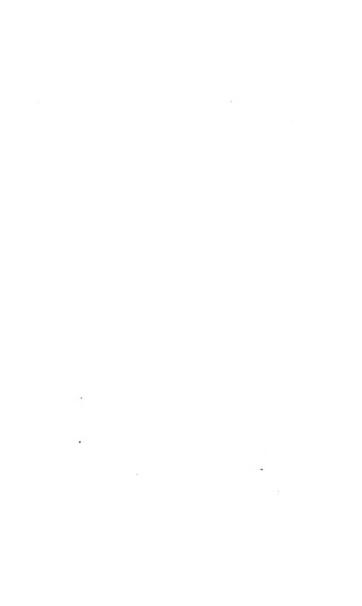
A List of the different Nations and Tribes of Indians in the Northern District of North America, with the number of their fighting Men, &c. &c.

Names.	Numbe	Their dwelling grounds.	Their hunting grounds
Mohocks	1 40	Nohock river { East fide of Onida?	Between the Mohock vi- ver and lake George.
Oneidas	300	waters of the east > b.anch of Susque- ?	In the country where they live.
Tufcaroras	200	Between the Onidas and Onandagoes.	Between Oneida Lake and Lake Ontario. Between the Onondago
Onondagoes	260	Wear the Onondago Lake.	Lake, and the mouth of the Seneca river, nearOswego.
Cayugas.	200	the north branch of Susquehannah	Near the north branch of Sufquehannah.
Senecas	1000	waters of Sufquehan- >	Their chief hunting country, where they live.
Aughquagas	150	East branch of Susque haunah River, and on Aughquaga Utsanango, Chagh	On the east branch of Susquehannah, and on Aughquaga.
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Mohickons	100	the east branch of	ly refide.
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Munfays	150	villages up the north	Where they respective-
Sapoones	30		ly refide.
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3hawanoes	300	On Sioto and a branch of Muskingum.	Between the Ohio Ri- ver and Lake Erie
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Put. watimes	(1	7	Near Fort Detroit.	About Lake Erie.
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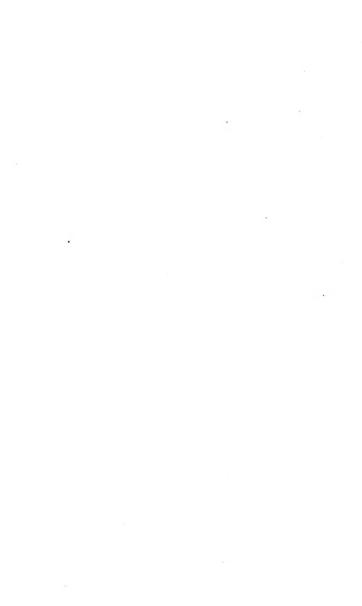










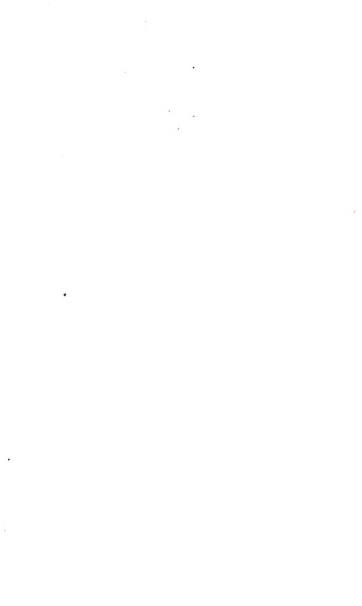




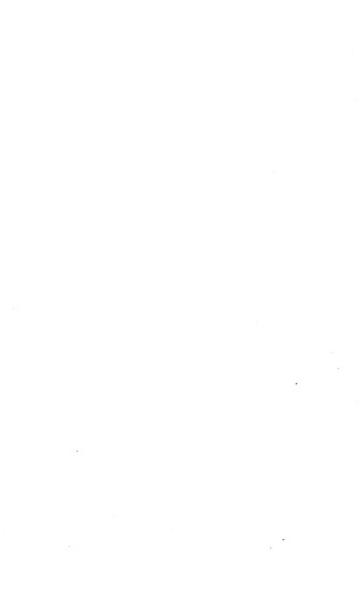












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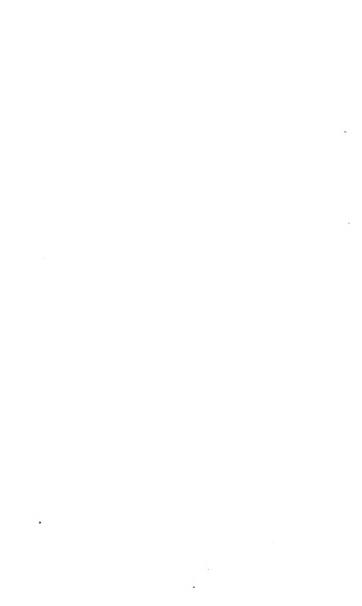


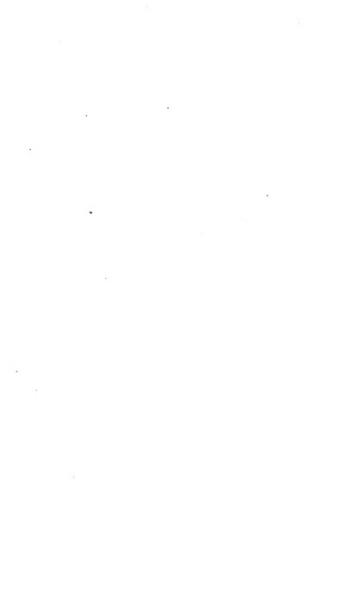




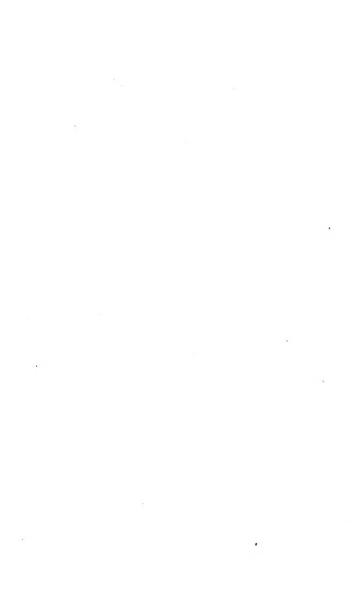


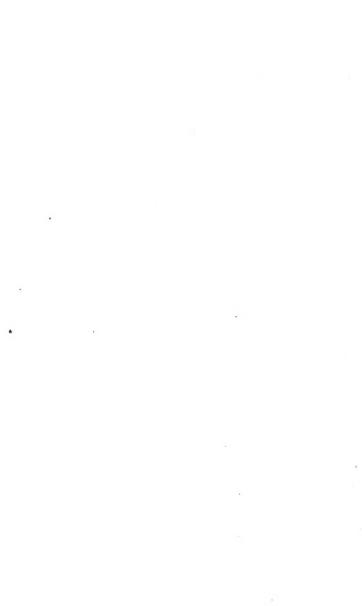




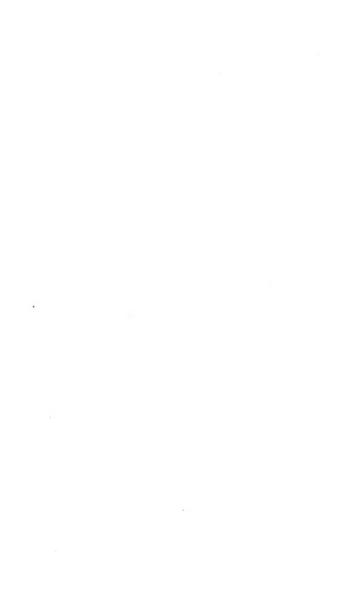












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